

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A multicolor electroluminescent element, ~~having~~
comprising:

- a substrate ~~(1)~~, which is at least partially transparent over at least part of its area, having a front side and a rear side,
- a first electrode layer ~~(2)~~ situated on the rear side of the substrate ~~(1)~~,
- a first electroluminescent layer ~~(3)~~, having electroluminophores (4) incorporated therein, situated on ~~the a~~ side of the first electrode layer ~~(1)~~ facing away from the substrate ~~(1)~~,
- a second electrode layer ~~(6)~~ situated on ~~the a~~ side of the first electroluminescent layer ~~(3)~~ facing away from the substrate ~~(1)~~,
- a third electrode layer ~~(8)~~ situated on the front side of the substrate ~~(1)~~,
- a second electroluminescent layer ~~(9)~~, having electroluminophores (4) incorporated therein, situated on ~~the a~~ side of the third electrode layer ~~(8)~~ facing away from the substrate ~~(1)~~,
- a fourth electrode layer ~~(10)~~, situated on ~~the a~~ side of the second electroluminescent layer ~~(9)~~ facing away from the substrate ~~(1)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the second and ~~or the~~ fourth electrode layer ~~(6, 10)~~ is a transparent conductive lacquer layer.

3. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and ~~or third~~ electrode layer ~~(2, 8)~~ is a transparent conductive lacquer layer.

4. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to ~~one of claims 2 through 3~~, wherein at least one of the conductive lacquer layers ~~(2, 6, 8, 10)~~ at least predominantly comprises an electrically conductive polymer.

5. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and/or the third electrode layer ~~(2, 8)~~ is vapor deposited ~~or sputtered~~ onto the substrate.

6. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and/or third electrode layer ~~(2, 8)~~ at least predominantly comprises indium-tin oxide.

7. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, having comprising an insulating layer ~~(11)~~, which is transparent over at least a part of its area, situated on ~~the a~~ side of the fourth electrode layer ~~(10)~~ facing away from the substrate ~~(1)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, having comprising an insulating layer ~~(7)~~ situated on ~~the a~~ side of the second electrode layer ~~(6)~~ facing away from the substrate ~~(1)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the substrate ~~(1)~~ at least predominantly ~~comprises~~ consists of polyethylene terephthalate.

10. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, which has ~~one or more~~ at least one color-filtering and/or color-converting layers.

11. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to claim 10, wherein the substrate (4) has color-filtering ~~and/or color-converting~~ components.

12. (Currently Amended) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the electroluminophores (4) incorporated in the first electroluminescent layer (3) have a different emission color than the electroluminophores incorporated in the second electroluminescent layer (9).

Please add new claims 13-15 as follows:

13. (New) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and the third electrode layer is sputtered onto the substrate.

14. (New) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to claim 1, which has at least one color-converting layer.

15. (New) The multicolor electroluminescent element according to claim 14, wherein the substrate has color-converting components.